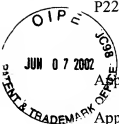


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-303986, published on November 13, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following compending and commonly assigned patent application:

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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/581,222 to MURAKI et al., entitled "Data Transmission and Receiving Apparatus and Method", filed on June 23, 2000.

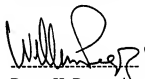
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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